

**MOU for Collaboration between
the City of Charlottesville and the County of Albemarle Regarding Transportation**

Background: The City and County have collaborated on a number of multimodal projects that have enabled the expansion of transportation services to the residential and commercial growth areas in the urban ring surrounding the city. This has greatly enhanced the mobility of County residents in these areas and has afforded City residents mobility into these areas for employment, shopping, and recreation activities.

Staffing: Staff from Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT) and the County’s Community Development and Budget office work together to plan new transit services and fund presently provided services. The City, County, and VDOT are currently coordinating on the regional Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update being developed by the TJPDC/C-A MPO. City and County staff responsible for bicycle and pedestrian planning have open communication and through regular meetings, including those of the MPO, propose to regularly update each other on issues related to bicycle and pedestrian planning. The City and County staff members designated to promote success are Leslie Beauregard, Assistant City Manager, and Doug Walker, Deputy County Executive.

Update: The table below provides a summary of collaboration on programs and initiatives (completed, ongoing, and opportunities) across broad topic areas addressed in the MOU.

Charlottesville Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-A MPO)	Completed	Update of the Long Range Transportation Plan and Albemarle County’s Master Plans, and Comprehensive Plan recommendations for greenways and bicycle and pedestrian facilities to create the City-County Long Range Bicycle Vision Network
	Ongoing	<p>Organized for the City of Charlottesville and the urbanized area of Albemarle County immediately surrounding the City, the MPO is responsible for carrying out continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning and programming process. The MPO coordinates the transportation planning activities of the various transportation-related agencies that have both a direct and indirect impact on the Long Range Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The North Town Trail Conceptual Plan • Bike Route 76 Corridor Study • TAP Grant for 5th Street Station <p>MPO has been working on the preparation of a Regional Transit Organizational study to review organizational, decision-making, and formal communication options for the transit service organizations in the region.</p>

	Opportunity	Exploration of partnership opportunities between CAT, JAUNT, and University Transit Service.
		Consideration of creation of regional transit services by a combined structure between CAT and JAUNT.
Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT)	Ongoing	<p>The CAT bus system is owned and operated by the City, and is partially funded by UVA and the County. CAT provides fixed route transit service within the city, to certain areas of Albemarle County and to UVA’s campus.</p> <p>Required every five years, the CAT Transit Development Plan serves as the guiding document for operational, service, and capital planning.</p>
	Opportunity	Increase efforts toward City/County collaboration specifically in the process of creating the CAT Development Plan.
		<p>Expansion of transit service (by CAT and/or JAUNT) in targeted areas including service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • along Avon St Extended, includes Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail, Mill Creek Business Park, Lake Reynovia, Mill Creek South, Snow’s, Cale Elementary, South Side Shopping Center, Lakeside Apartments, Monticello HS, Albemarle Health and Rehab • from Crozet • from Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Airport/Hollymead Development Area • additional bus on Route 10 • Sunday service added to Route 10 <p>CAT staff participation in the development process for future plans including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City-County Long Range Bicycle Vision Network • Regional Support of new train routes through Downtown Amtrak Station • Small Area Planning: Hydraulic Road and Rt. 29 • Joint Comprehensive Planning Exercises

<u>Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission</u> (TJPDC)	Ongoing	<p>Encourages planning for the physical, social and economic development of the region and provides local governments with planning and coordination assistance as requested.</p> <p>Provides professional assistance in areas of land use, housing, economic development, human resources, resource conservation, and transportation.</p>
	Completed	<p>Thomas Jefferson Area Bike and Pedestrian Plan was completed to establish a better way to prioritize and implement bike/pedestrian improvements.</p> <p>Will serve as a practical guide for local, regional, and state decision makers; and will provide a strategic approach to implementing recommendations, and can be integrated into the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Rural Long Range Plan (RLRP).</p>
	Opportunity	<p>The City, County, and VDOT are currently coordinating on the regional Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update being developed by the TJPDC/C-A MPO.</p>
<u>VDOT Route 29 Solutions Projects</u>	Completed	<p>US 29 / US 250 BP (Best Buy Ramp) Improvements - Is a VDOT administered project within the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County.</p> <p>All three parties have worked together during the design and construction phases to ensure a comprehensive approach. Construction is now substantially complete.</p>
	Ongoing	<p>Hillsdale Extended project has been developed through the joint efforts of the City, County and VDOT; it is scheduled to be completed in October of 2017.</p> <p>Adaptive Signal Project – will provide the installation of common traffic signal communications equipment within the City and Albemarle County along the US 29 corridor. This will ensure the most efficient signal timing along US 29.</p>
<u>Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transportation</u>	Ongoing	<p>A frequently meeting committee charged with hosting public forums and developing and recommending updates to the long range</p>

<p><u>Committee</u> (CHART)</p>		<p>Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transportation Plan.</p>
<p>Small Area Planning-Hydraulic Road and Route 29</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>On September 28, 2016, the MPO Policy Board adopted a resolution asking the Secretary of Transportation to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Combining the two Planning and Preliminary Engineering projects of Hillsdale South and Hydraulic & 29 into one planning and preliminary engineering project including associated funding. 2. Move the funding stream to begin in Fiscal Year 2017. 3. Include funding for a small area planning process including land use and transportation planning for the area to be defined. 4. Continue the facilitated collaborative process for transparency, community engagement and advisory.
	<p>Opportunity</p>	<p>These requests will be forwarded to the Secretary and Commonwealth Transportation Board for consideration.</p> <p>If these requests are approved, funding and process implementation will likely begin in summer of 2017.</p>